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**VALE MORNING SITUATION REPORT FOR: 7-30-03**

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	5	BAKER FIRE DANGER (352420-C)	E
REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	4	MALHEUR FIRE DANGER (353616)	V
VALE PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	3	JORDAN FIRE DANGER (353612-A)	E

**BAKER RA:**

No new fires.

**MALHEUR RA:**

**Cherry Creek Fire/Complex: M720** This fire originally consisted of 7 separate fires 3 miles East of Owyhee Dam. Two fires have burned into other fires, so now there are 5 separate fires. Cause is under investigation. 1 fire is 359 acres, 2 are 4 acres, 1 is 2 acres, and the last is 1/4 of an acre.

Contained: 7/29 2100

Controlled: 7/30 1630

**JORDAN RA:**

No new fires.

**COMMENTS:**

15 SRV Crews available & 1 SRV camp crew available

1 SRV Crew is on the EBC Preposition.

1 SRV Crew is on the Slick Ear Fire in Idaho.

1 SRV Crew is on the Wilkins in Idaho.

1 SRV Crew is on the Hot Creek Fire in Idaho.

Vale IHC are on the 18 Fire in Oregon.

1(BCMG) is on the Hot Creek Fire.

4 employees are on the Clark Fire for the Blue Mountain Team.

**WEATHER:**

Vale Weather: Sunny until 1400. Then scattered clouds.

Temp 95-103, Rh's 10-19%, Winds W up to 15 mph, Haines 5 (moderate), LAL 1.

Pendleton Weather: Mostly clear.

Temps 91-96, Rh's 8-18%, Winds NW 3-9 mph, Haines 5 (moderate), LAL 1.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**LAL (Lightning Activity Level):** A numerical rating from the lowest of 1 to the highest of 6, keyed to the start of thunderstorms and the frequency and character of cloud-to-ground lightning forecasted or observed on a rating area during a rating period.

**Haines Index:** A national fire-weather index based on the stability and moisture content of the lower atmosphere and their direct relationship to the growth of large fires. The index is from 2-6 with 2 being the lowest potential for large fire growth while 6 is the highest large fire growth potential.